GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4892
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2007
ACCIDENT OF INDIAN NAVAL SEA HARRIER TRAINER AIRCRAFT
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Naval Sea Harrier Trainer Aircraft crashed into the Arabian Sea, about five miles off Goa on April 5, 2007;

(b) if so, the cause and circumstances of the air crash; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent such mishaps?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Board of Inquiry has been instituted to investigate into the cause and circumstances leading to the crash.

(c) Proper training of pilots and maintenance of aircraft according to the prescribed scheduled are undertaken to prevent such accidents.